



**"I CAN ONLY IMAGINE"**  
DVD-  
RELEASE DATE: JUNE 12

**FATHER'S DAY- JUNE 17**

Several gift items to choose from:  
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Tabletop and more.

**NEW!**

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Your past doesn't have to determine your future

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**ALL IN STOCK T-SHIRTS**

**15% OFF**

**June**

- 3 Tim & Cyndy Munday
- 12 Kenny & Judy Wilson
- 14 Ron & Bobbie Helton
- 21 Garret & Jennifer Trunk



Camp forms are available now at  
your church or at the Mission Center.

**YOUTH CAMP—June 4-8**  
"Be Detoxed" Romans 12:2  
Camp Directors— Christina Boatright  
&  
Assistant Gary Lanning

Camp Pastor: Matt Arthaud  
Worship: Nick Wilson

**CHILDREN'S CAMP—July 23-27**  
Camp forms must be turned in at  
NGR by June 22 to avoid late fee

"Be Transformed" Romans 12:2  
Camp Directors—  
Eric & Amanda Spears

Camp Pastor: Abner Neill

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# The Encourager

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

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**"Churches working together to fulfill Jesus' Great Commission."**  
Matthew 28:18-20



- Alpha  
Edinburg  
Gallatin  
Galt  
Jamesport  
Laredo  
Lineville  
Medicine Valley  
Mercer  
Modena  
Princeton  
Ravanna  
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## Resound Fest

### June 8 & 9, 2018

# Miracle Hills Ranch, Bethany

## FREE ADMISSION

Mark your calendars for June 8-9, 2018! Resound Fest is a jam-packed two days filled with music and ministry on multiple stages located at Miracle Hills Ranch in Bethany, Missouri.

**The 2018 Line up will feature: Matthew West, Zach Williams, We are Messengers, Austin French, Hollyn, Tauren Wells and more!**

Churches bring busses! This is a FREE event with FREE parking! If anyone has a serving heart to volunteer with Risk Management Parking, please call. If anybody has any questions, they can ask them on the website, or contact Chuck Thompson (660) 425-0918.

North Grand River Baptist Association's Purpose- "To mutually and prayerfully support, encourage and challenge one another as churches to exalt Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, to edify and equip His disciples to serve him and one another, and to evangelize those who have yet to come to know Him personally." Matthew 28:19-20



"A pastor who yearns to see revitalization in a local church must make a steady appeal to God to work in him and the church a passion for the lost." - Andy Davis pastor first Baptist Church, Durham North Carolina, from his very insightful book entitled "Biblical Keys to Helping Your Church Come Alive Again" (p. 27).

The day when we can expect our church is to grow from what we might refer to as low hanging evangelical fruit is gone. A day when people who were Christians looking for a church we're likely to visit enjoying, those days are quickly ending. Our churches today must focus on reaching the lost. And reaching the lost does not begin with demographics and events and trying to get numbers of people to come out to our church services. Reaching the lost begins as my friend Andy so wonderfully states, by asking God for a passion for the lost in our neighborhood. In other words revitalization begins on our knees. As we pray for ourselves to be more like Jesus. And as we pray that Jesus will give us a heart that is broken for our community. I know you'll join me and us together as we consistently pray for the many people who live in North Missouri who do not know Jesus and faced in eternity of hopelessness without him. Revitalizing our churches begins with a passion for those who need Jesus. And many of those people may not even like us. They may not approve of the message we teach. They may not share the worldview that we have. But they are the ones that we must reach. And reaching them begins with having compassion on them. And that compassion comes from the Holy Spirit as we cry out in prayer

Mark Clifton  
Interim DOM



**Pray for the**  
**2018 SBC**  
**ANNUAL MEETING**  
**DALLAS, TEXAS**  
**JUNE 12-13**

Church Giving

Church Service Times

April 2018 Reports	Monthly Inc.	BSU Inc.	SS	AM	PM	Weds.
Alpha	\$ 121.75	\$ 121.75	9:30	10:30	6:30	7:00
Edinburg	\$ 566.19	\$ 62.91	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Gallatin	\$ 606.61	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:40	6:00	7:00
Galt	\$ 280.00	\$ 50.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	7:00
Jamesport	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	7:00	7:00
Laredo	\$ 225.00	\$ 50.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:00
Lineville	\$ 167.88	\$ 25.00	9:45	10:45	6:00	6:00
M. Valley			9:30	10:30	6:00	
Mercer	\$ 163.00	\$ 25.00	9:30	10:30	6:30	6:30
Modena	\$ 45.94		10:00	10:40	6:00	6:00
Princeton	\$ 146.01	\$ 80.00	9:40	10:40	7:00	6:00
Ravanna	\$ 120.00	\$ 51.60	9:30	10:45		
Rural Dale	\$ 748.81	\$ 75.00	9:45	10:45	5:00	6:00
Salem			10:00	11:00	6:00	
Shelburne	\$1,279.09	\$ 75.00	10:00	10:55	6:00	6:30
Tenth St.	\$ 432.11	\$ 144.03	9:30	10:30	6:00	7:00
Trenton FB	\$ 607.99	\$ 144.03	9:30	10:40	6:00	6:00
Union	\$ 201.32	\$ 100.00	10:00	11:00	6:00	6:00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,736.70</b>	<b>\$ 1,054.32</b>				
Chilli, FBC		\$ 45.00				
Gilman BC		\$ 200.00				
Milan FBC		\$ 124.65				
MBC		\$ 460.00				
Linn-Livingston		\$ 41.66				
Zion		\$ 50.00				

Join any of these churches in worship

**NOTE: BSU included in NGR Account below.**

**April 2018 NGR Account**

Beginning Balance	\$41,624.20
Income	\$11,086.95
Total	\$52,711.15
Expenses	\$9,714.80
Ending Balance	\$42,996.35

**Line Items in NGR Checking**

NGR Designated Funds	\$12,470.40
NGR General Fund	\$22,046.67
BSU Line Item Balance	\$8,479.28

**NGR October 2017—April 2018**

(Includes BSU & Designated Funds)

Income	\$92,466.39
Expenses	\$89,710.89
Difference	\$2,755.50

<b>Seminary Checking</b>	\$134.21
<b>Seminary Savings</b>	\$2,327.21
<b>Benevolent Savings</b>	\$807.99
<b>NGR Savings</b>	\$8,563.63
<b>Knapp Scholarship</b>	\$5,404.95
<b>BSU— March— Income to Expense</b>	
Beginning Balance	\$8,032.58
Income	\$2,353.93
Total	\$10,386.51
Expenses	\$1,907.23
Ending Balance	\$8,479.28
General BSU Fund	\$7,575.14
Designated BSU Fund— Canada	\$850.64



**Edinburg—** When I see the flowers in bloom, the beautiful clouds in the sky, I think of God's beauty! Genesis 2:3- "God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, for on it He rested from His work of creation. On Family night we had Patsy Kincade as our guest speaker. We are hoping to get our sewing machines out this fall and go to work with this project.

The Senior Society Group met at the Association office for their luncheon. There was 18 in attendance with 6 different churches represented. The FBC Quartet brought the program and everyone was blessed.

A group of 17 of us went to the Pretenders Playhouse on May 5th. The theme of the play was "Not My Mother", and was enjoyed by all.

We're going to take our Silver Society Group to eat out this Friday at Jamesport at the BBQ place. Our seniors always enjoy our outings.

We went to Sunnyview this month for our church services. We've had 3 baptisms and 2 others come to join our church. We welcome the new members to our church. Congratulations go out to one of our graduates Lucas Clark!

The fish fry will be on June 3rd at 6:00 pm. On June 23rd at 7:30 pm we are having a BBQ with child care provided. We decided to postpone our Health 7 Wellness Devotion till fall due to the busy summer.

Our VBS will be June 24th—28th. We would love to have you come and visit our church.

June 14— NGR Finance Request Forms Due  
 June 18-22— Super Summer at HLG  
 June 19— NGR Budget Planning Committee

**Gallatin-** Keenagers will meet for the monthly luncheon on Thursday, June 7.

Several will be attending Resound Fest at Miracle Hills Ranch at Bethany on June 8-9.

Gallatin First Baptist Church Vacation Bible School will be held July 8-13.

**Fundraiser for Lori Kloepping (Kidney Transplant scheduled for June 21) will be held at the Gallatin Lion's Club on Friday, June 8 at 6 pm.** Fish Fry will be provided by Men's Club (fish, hush puppies, baked beans, fries, desserts and drinks, suggested donation at the door \$10.00), and a Silent Auction. Our church has been asked to provide the desserts. A signup sheet will be posted in the near future, and if you have any question regarding donating desserts, or this fundraiser, please contact Julie Osborn. T-Shirts and Wrist bands are also available to purchase at Terry Implement or Gallatin Publishing Company.



**Salem Baptist Church**  
**150th Celebration**  
**Sunday, June 3, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**  
**At the church-located north of Trenton off Hwy A**  
**Everyone is welcome!**  
**Come and join us**

**Princeton-** Our VBS dates are June 4-8 from 9 am to noon.

July 1st, 2018 at 5 PM we will have a Deacon Ordination for Scott Tatum, all ordained men are invited to participate.

**Union Coon Creek -** [Colossians 2:14](#) *Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;*

April began with April fool's day, and we all fell for it thinking spring had arrived when the snow began to fall. But on that beautiful Easter morning we saw nature demonstrating how the love of Christ covers our sin as white as snow, just the way the bare ground was covered with the whiteness of the snow.

We had a Maundy Thursday service on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March with around 30 people attending. We had our annual Easter Breakfast on Sunday morning with around 70 attending. Teddy Bear Suddeth played his guitar and sang prior to worship service.

Mike and Sherry Knapp shared their Bucket-Ministry Kenya Africa trip with the Polo Baptist Church on April the 7<sup>th</sup>. Mike's brother Marc is pastor there. They also went Sunday evening April 29<sup>th</sup> to Edinburg Baptist Church. Sherry also shared with the Associational WMU.

Our pastor has been leading us through a series on how Christ has nailed our sinned to the cross and His death brings us to full forgiveness. We rejoice in Jesus' resurrection and look forward to His return. We have began a new series on "Letting Go" based on the book of Exodus. Wednesday night Bible study comes from the book of Judges.

*Union continued:*

We have had 2 baptisms since our March Revival and have at least 3 more coming.

On April 29<sup>th</sup> we honored 2 THS graduates Cody Garcia and Vanessa Olivio and 2 NCMC graduates, our Associate Pastor Matt Arthaud and Logan Demsich followed by 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday noon meal.

We had a wonderful Mother's Day service, honoring our mothers with remembrance and a bookmark magnet.

We have 13 youth and 3 adults planning on attending youth camp at Grand Oaks.

We go to Eastview Nursing Home every 3rd Sunday of the month and serve the Celebrate Recovery meal once a month.

We pray for and ask God to Bless all our sister churches in NGRBA as well as all associational ministries.

**Trenton First-** The Kid's Choir will be presenting a program "Nailed It" on the evening of June 3rd at 6:00 pm. We would love to have you join us.

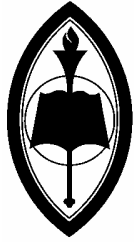
The Keenagers went to Lucas, Iowa to see the Tabernacle, and they are going on a trip to Branson to see Sampson.

There are mission trips to Canada and Nicaragua in July.

The church will be going to Dwayne and Michelle Johnson's on July 4th for a time of fellowship and fireworks. There will be a church picnic at Crowder on July 29th.

We will be showing the movie "Mully" on Sunday evening, July 1st at 6 pm. This is a true story about a man in Kenya and his rescue of street and orphan children..





## Associational WMU May Meeting

On May 15 eleven mission minded ladies from 5 churches met at the Mission Center.

Shelly Sims opened the meeting with prayer requests. Prayers were offered up for Hawaii missionaries, Virginia Crumpacker's son and Shelly's grandson who are in Afghanistan and Carolyn Houts for travel mercies.

Sherry Knapp sent a lovely thank-you for the love offering.

The group agreed to present the same WMU budget as last year for the 2018-2019 year.

The Flores, one of our local missionaries serving in Lesotho, who returned home for medical treatment of their daughter, are residing at 12625 So 2125 Rd, Stockton, Mo 65785. They will be there until their daughter recovers fully, and would enjoy hearing from any of us.

Our guest speaker was John Mark Clifton. His current job is the Replanting Director for the North American Mission Board, and currently serving as NGR interim DOM. He gave a powerful report on how church planting has changed over the years and how NAMB is adopting new methods to reach more people. A few interesting facts, there were 800 new church starts last year, 400 new affiliates, and 970 SBC churches closing their doors. He reported that 2018 Annie Armstrong offering was on target to be the largest ever.

Virginia gave the devotion on Luke 19: 1-10.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 am. No meeting for July and August.

A personal note—Many thanks for the prayers and cards during my recent broken elbow and shoulder. Please continue to pray for a complete healing.

A sister in Christ  
Shelly Sims



**Giving away the large 32" TV that is in the NGR Conference Room.**  
Call the office if you would like to have it.

**Chillicothe Baptist Home**  
**"Homecoming"**  
Saturday, June 9  
10 am to 2 pm  
Musical Entertainment, Bake Sale, and many more events



### NGR June Church Prayerlist

Alpha & Tenth St  
Edinburg & Shelburne  
Gallatin & Salem  
Galt & Rural Dale  
Jamesport & Ravanna  
Laredo & Princeton  
Lineville & Modena  
M. Valley & Union  
Mercer & Trenton FBC



**Prayer Breakfast**  
**July 21st- 8:00 am**  
**Shelburne Baptist Church**

**Deaf Camp**  
**June 3-8, 2018**  
**Baptist Ridge Camp, Warsaw, MO**  
  
**\$90 to sponsor a camper**  
**Vivian Crowley- 314-489-3415**

## NGR Church's VBS's

### FREE Vacation Bible School

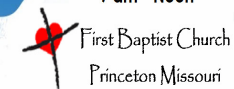
Kids Pre-K - 6th Grade

For Info & To Register  
748-3116

\*Transportation available



June 4th - June 8th  
9 am - Noon



**Princeton-** Our VBS dates are June 4-8 from 9 am to noon.

**Jamesport-** June 27-29— All Day.

**Shelburne—** June 24-29 (Galatic Starveyors)

**Union—** July 5—11

**Tenth Street—** July 15-20

**Trenton FBC—** July 15-20



### Intro to Camp- Grand Oaks June 22 & 23

Cost \$25 per person for 3 meals & overnight stay. For children who have completed 1st to 3rd grade  
Swimming, a nature hike & other activities  
Children should be accompanied by a parent, grandparent, guardian or adult from church

For registration forms and more information visit [grandoaks.camp](http://grandoaks.camp)